

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2004**

1. Call To Order:

Chairman Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Margaret Woodside, Lisa Danek-Burke, Principal Bob Clancy, David Fraser, Business Manager and Superintendent Alan Genovese were present.

2. Audience of Citizen:

A. Cindy Laffond & B.J. Roche

1. B.J. is concerned about the quality of education at Mohawk and wonder if the School Committee would support a special article to buy books for Mohawk. The Committee suggested she get a citizens petition to go on the warrant as their budget had been finalized.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for February 10, 2004 were accepted unanimously.

4. Correspondence:

A. Mitt Romney letter regarding School Funding. (See Appendix A)

5. Unfinished Business:

A. A motion was made and seconded to accept the draft calendar for FY2004-05 for all entries related to Rowe School. Unanimous yes vote (See Appendix B)

ACTION ITEMS: Recessed @ 7:00PM for public hearing on FY04 Budget.

A. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Rowe School Proposed FY04 Budget of \$1,049,664.00 with changes that were discussed. Unanimous yes vote

Concluded Public Meeting @ 8:00 PM and reconvened regular meeting.

6. Report of the Superintendent:

A. Technology Concerns (See Appendix C)

7. Report of the Business Administrator

A. Explanation of Rowe Tuition Rate Calculations (See Appendix D)

8. Report of the Principal:

A. (See Appendix E)

9. Report of the P.T.P.:

- A. March – After school program making cardboard sleds for the Berkshire East “Cardboard Classic”
- B. April 10th there will be an egg hunt at Pelham Lake Park
- C. April 22nd a Sock Hop Dance with DJ “The Dance party” from 6-9PM.
- D. The next PTP meeting is set for Friday, March 12th @ 3:30PM.

10. Report of the Ed Council:

- A. The last meeting was Tuesday, March 9th. Agenda included continued discussion on next years School Improvement Plan and the NEAS&C self-study and visit in October.
- B. The next LEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th, at 3:30PM.

11. Report of the Teachers:

- A. “Pioneering Spirits”, the five student plays done on February 11th were well done and well received by everyone in attendance.
- B. Lynne Mannering from Old Deerfield was in the building and worked with students on 19th Century Dance and taught students about period dress and customs.
- C. The annual Spaghetti Supper was held March 3rd, We made over \$500.

12. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee - None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – Will meet March 23rd.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – None

13. New Business:

- A. None

14. Report of the Mohawk Representative:

- A. None

15. Any Other Business:

- A. Handouts:
 - 1. Gaining Ground: Value-Added Analysis for Massachusetts (See Appendix F)

17. Executive Session:

- A. None

18. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn @ 8:24PM. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Margaret Woodside

Lisa Danek Burke